Drinking Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Projects

3467. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 2392 give in the Rajya Sabha on 14th December, 2005 and state:

(a) whether revised proposal for Rural Drinking Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project, which were returned by the Ministry to recast and include the concepts of decentralized service delivery, has been received by the Government of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have sent it to the World Bank for assistance;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent a Concept Note on Rural Water Supply Project for World Bank assistance which has been recommended and forwarded to the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance for posing to World Bank for financial assistance. A World Bank Exploratory Mission has already visited Andhra Pradesh during February 9-10-2006 in this regard. The World Bank has thereafter informed the Government of Andhra Pradesh of the Bank's guiding principles for providing support to State level rural water supply and sanitation projects. For further development, the Government of Andhra Pradesh will have to respond and agree to the World Bank's policy framework. The response of Government of Andhra Pradesh is awaited.

Tribal districts of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh under NREGS

3468. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the tribal district of Jharkhand andChhattisgarh identified under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) the districts for which the perspective plan is ready; and

(c) the districts for which the perspective plan is not ready and by when the plan would be ready?